

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 10993.0261

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Tomotaka Hashimoto et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1797
	)	
Application No.: 10/561,182	)	Examiner: Sun U. Kim
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Filed: December 16, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 1709
	)	
For: Membrane Cartridge, Membrane	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>
Separating Device, and Membrane	)	
Separating Method	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This reply is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed December 4, 2008.